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TION IN MOSCOW

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1. FURTHER ON SUBJECT OF MAY'S ACCREDITATION, ZHURAVLEV OF MFA PRESS DEPARTMENT PHONED JULY 12 TO GIVE US REPLY TO QUESTION ON NON-RESIDENT ACCREDITATION POSED AT JULY 10 MEETING (REFS).

2. ZHURAVLEV SAID THAT HE HIMSELF HAD HAD TO GET A FILL-IN ON THE "ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE" (USTANOVLENNYY PORYADOK), WHICH HE WAS NOW ABLE TO INFORM US WAS THE FOLLOWING: "TO RECEIVE ACCREDITATION, THE NEWS ORGANIZATION MUST FIRST RAISE WITH THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THE QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING A BUREAU IN MOSCOW. WHEN THE QUESTION OF A BUREAU IS RESOLVED, THEN THE CORRESPONDENT CAN BE ACCREDITED AND CAN RECEIVE A MULTIPLE EXIT/ENTRY VISA. ONCE THE CORRESPONDENT HAS HIS VISA, IT IS UP TO HIM TO DECIDE HOW MUCH TIME HE WANTS TO SPEND IN MOSCOW AND WHETHER OR NOT HE WILL RESIDE THERE."
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3. ARRANGEMENT ZHURAVLEV DESCRIBES IS THUS PRECISELY WHAT NBC CHOSE TO DO FOR MANY YEARS: MAINTAIN OFFICE IN MOSCOW, WHILE PROPERLY ACCREDITED AND VISAED CORRESPONDENT RESIDED IN BERLIN OR LONDON. MINIMAL WAY IN WHICH HEARST COULD PRESUMABLY SATISFY REQUIRE-MENTS AS PRESENTED BY ZHURAVLEV WOULD INVOLVE MAIN-

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TENANCE OF SMALL COMBINATION OFFICE/APARTMENT. SINCE NON-RESIDENT CORRESPONDENT WOULD INCUR SIZEABLE HOTEL EXPENSES DURING HIS VISITS TO MOSCOW, HEARST MIGHT FIND FULL-TIME RENTAL OF OFFICE/APARTMENT A VIABLE FINANCIAL ALTERNATIVE IN ANY CASE.

4. HEARST AND DEPARTMENT MIGHT ALSO WISH TO PURSUE WITH SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON EXACT DEFINITION OF "BUREAU". WOULD SOVIETS GRANT HEARST A "BUREAU" ON PAPER WHICH DID NOT INVOLVE MAINTENANCE OF ACTUAL OFFICE IN MOSCOW? IN THIS CASE, "BUREAU" WOULD BE KEY WORD RATHER THAN "ACCREDITATION" BUT EFFECT WOULD BE THE SAME. NEXT MOVE, IT SEEMS TO US, IS UP TO HEARST, WHICH SHOULD WRITE TO DOBRYNIN AND KAMENEV FORMALLY AND PRECISELY OUTLINING COURSE OF ACTION IT WISHES TO PURSUE. WE WILL BE EAGER TO SUPPORT ANY REQUEST AT THIS END, WITH PROVISO THAT WE NOT BE CAUGHT AGAIN IN POSITION OF BEING MORE EAGER THAN NEWS ORGANIZATION AND CORRESPONDENT WE ARE SUPPORTING.

5. MAY WAS INFORMED OF SUBSTANCE OF ZHURAVLEV'S PHONE CALL AND OPTIONS NOW AVAILABLE TO HEARST. WE PRESUME HE WILL BE COMMUNICATING WITH HIS HOME OFFICE ON THIS SUBJECT. MATLOCK

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